(b) The views on this point are yet to be Crystallised.

(c) The wetleased Soviet aircraft would be flown by Soviet crew. The ICPA have stated that the induction of Soviet aircraft with foreign pilots would reduce their workload and would compromise with the security of the country. Soviet crews are, however, already flying aircraft wetleased by Air India from Aeroflot in the past. Therefore, there is nothing new in the use of Soviet pilots on aircraft leased by an Indian Carrier.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Corrmercia! arrangement for joint operations have not been worked out between the two airlines.

Foreign Exchange Earnings by Tourism Indusrtv

*6. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the total income in foreign exchange in the tourism industry during the last three years;

(b) whether after the declaration of tourism as an industry, there has been an increase in the proposals for construction of new hotels and expansion of existing hotels; and

(c) whether the Institutional Financing Agencies, both central and in the States, have been given necessary guidance to consider tourism as an Industry and thereby effect consequential changes in the liberalisation- of financing pattern?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The estimated foreign exchange^ earnings from tourism during the last three years are

Year	Rs. crores
1985-86.	1460
1986-87.	1780
1987-88.	1890

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

Conversion of Railway Lines

*7. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV.

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 92 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the total amount required tbr the ongoing projects of Railways for conversion of metre gauge lines into broad gauge in different parts of the country;

(b) what is the portion of Manmad-Parbhani-Parli-Vaijnath rail line converted and the amount spent so far;

(c) what was the total estimated cost of the conversion of this line; and

(d) by when the conversion of Manmad-Parli and Adilabad-parbhani lines would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SC1ND1A): (a) **Rs.** 504 crores (Ruppecs five hundred and four crores) approximately.

(b) No portion of this rail line has' been completed. Approximately Rs. 14 crores have been spent upto 31.12.88.

(c) The original estimated cost of the conversion, as approved in 1974-75, was Rs. 28 crores.